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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith are an amendment responsive to the Office Action mailed on April 23, 2003, a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-Form 1449 (1 page), a check for \$180.00 and cited references for filing in connection with the aboveidentified application.

 \mathbf{x} The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee, including any submitted herewith that may be due in connection with this and the attached papers, or with this application during its entire pendency to or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1213. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed April 23, 2003, entry of the following amendment and remarks is respectfully requested:

In Claims:

Please cancel claims 9-11, 14-16, 22, 25, 26, 32, and 45 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional and continuation applications directed to any cancelled subject matter. Please replace claims 6, 7, 17, 31, 39, 40 and 48 with the following claims:

(Amended Twice) A liquid phase carrier (LPC) that has formula (Id): 6.